

H. Res. 501

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

May 15, 2000.

Whereas the Nation's law enforcement officers preserve and protect the safety and well-being of all the citizens of this country;

Whereas approximately 740,000 men and women risk their personal safety every day to fight crime and to safeguard our citizens;

Whereas peace officers are on the front line in the Nation's schools and on the Nation's streets, preserving children's right to learn in schools that are free of violence and citizens' right to safe communities;

Whereas 134 peace officers lost their lives in the performance of their duty in 1999 and a total of more than 15,000 have now made that supreme sacrifice;

Whereas on average one officer dies every 54 hours and thousands of officers are assaulted and injured every year; and

Whereas National Police Week 2000—May 14 to 20, 2000—provides an opportunity to honor and recognize the officers who have died in the line of duty and to affirm the Nation's thanks to the officers who put their lives on the line on a daily basis to protect our citizens: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

(1) all peace officers slain in the line of duty and all peace officers who risk their own personal safety and well-being to protect this Nation's citizens should be honored and recognized; and

(2) the President should issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to honor and recognize slain peace officers with appropriate ceremonies and respect and to honor and recognize the sacrifices and risks taken daily by all peace officers.

Attest:

Clerk.